

As the nicer weather starts to appear we have been making the most of it exploring our woodlands and surrounding areas and playing in the Village Playground. We have been busy planting new bulbs in the pre-school Garden. The children have been learning about the bulbs and the different parts of a bulb such as their roots, stem and flower. The children enjoyed digging a trench and planting the bulbs remembering that the roots need to be placed into the soil and what they need to help them grow. The children are now very excited to watch their flowers begin to grow.

Diddi dance has started back this term. The children are provided the chance to discover different music and dance styles as well as having lots of fun, using action songs, dancing games, fun exercise, hoops, ribbons and much more. Our new theme this term is Rock and Roll. The children have been rocking out some groovy dance moves and playing their air guitars to a variety of rock music.

The children celebrated world book day. The children have enjoyed bringing in their favourite books to share with their friends. It was really nice to see all the children dressed up as their favourite characters from stories such as Goldilocks, Winnie the Witch, Little Red Riding Hood, Dorothy and Captain Hook to name a few.

The children have become immersed in stories this week becoming the characters from their favourite stories such as Three Little Pigs. Huffing and puffing and blowing the house down! We also enjoyed using the story sack for Dear Zoo encouraging children to make the sounds of the animals and talk about where these animals come from. The children then coloured in pictures of their favourite animals from the story.

Little Chefs have also been thinking about our favourite books and decided to create our very own Gruffalo Crumble from the well loved book The Gruffalo. The children have been using their fingertips, rubbing together the flour and butter, and stirring in the sugar to create the crumble mixture. They even tasted some of the fruits that were used to make the delicious fruit filling. Little Chefs continues to be very popular with the children and they are developing their culinary skills such as measuring and following recipes. They are learning how important it is to use these correctly and safely.

On behalf of Checkendon Pre-School C.I.O. we would like to say thank you so much for your continued support.

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